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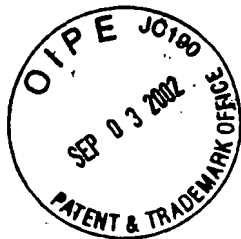
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Sir:

To highlight the distinction of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of May 24, 2002, Paper No. 18, no amendments were made to the claims or specification and the undersigned offers the following remarks.

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 1, 11 and 12 and dependent Claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Joseph et al., U.S. Patent 5,387,016. The undersigned attorney respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of the following argument.

The test for determining if a reference anticipates a claim, for purposes of a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 is whether the reference discloses all the elements of